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THE PROTECTION OF VISUAL ACUITY
IN PATIENTS WITH AGE RELATED
MACULAR DEGENERATION

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2004**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 – PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS ADDRESS IS CORRECT

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Official Action mailed September 27, 2004 for which the three-month date for response was December 27, 2004.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to January 27, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Alcon Laboratories Deposit Account No..

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.